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AFTER SHOOTING FATALITY, ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS HELD BY RALEIGH CLUB BODI

RALEIGH – The NC ABC Commission has suspended the alcohol permits held by a troubled Raleigh private club after shots were fired in the club and a fleeing patron was shot to death about a block away.

Bodi, located at 310 South West Street, Raleigh, has held permits since August 2011. The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which directs the ABC Commission to begin hearing proceedings on the matter.

“The ABC Commission will not tolerate deadly violence at locations that hold permits to sell alcohol. We are working closely with the Raleigh Police Department and the state’s Alcohol Law Enforcement to ensure that the public’s safety is maintained by suspending the alcohol permits at this club,” said ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner.

Separate incidents of alleged violence, tax stamp and other violations at the location had already prompted the state ABC Commission to seek the revocation of the ABC permits at the business.

“One of the highest priorities of the NC Alcohol Law Enforcement is to investigate violence in and around ABC-licensed outlets,” ALE Director B.W. Collier said. “ALE agents’ recent investigation of the criminal activity in and around Club Bodi concluded that the private club was unsuitable to hold ABC permits and its operation was a detriment to the community.”

This week’s action is the fifth summary suspension this year and is part of an ongoing focus on public health and public safety on the part of the NC ABC Commission.

In September 2013, ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner sent a letter to more than 1,000 businesses in North Carolina that hold permits as private clubs to sell and serve alcohol. The letter provided a recap of the regulations related to private clubs and warned club owners and operators that the Commission may impose substantial fines and penalties for ignoring the law or for allowing violence at these locations.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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